

Budgeting for Results Commission

Friday, January 24, 2014

10:00am

Chicago – James R. Thompson Center, 100 W. Randolph, 2nd floor, Room 2-025

Springfield – Capitol, 2nd and Monroe, 2nd floor, Room 214 (Lt. Governor's Office)

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ATTENDEES

Chicago: Senator Pam Althoff, Larry Frank, Bob Goerge, John Kamis, Senator Dan Kotowski, Jim Lewis, Jason Saul

Springfield: Harold Rice, Steve Schnorf

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MINUTES

I. Welcome & Introductions – Senator Dan Kotowski

Chairman welcomed Commissioners and guests participating in Springfield, Chicago, and by phone. Chairman asked Commissioners to introduce themselves.

II. Review & Approval of Minutes – Senator Dan Kotowski

Commission approved minutes as presented with minor adjustments to meeting attendees.

III. Pilot Project Update – Jacob Stuckey, Governor's Office of Management and Budget

Jacob Stuckey of the Governor's Office of Management and Budget has continued to work closely with Mission Measurement in the development of the BFR pilot. The pilot will focus on a single result area, education, and will provide a sample of the type of analysis which could be performed to provide additional information to inform the State's budgeting process. Data has been collected from state agencies administering funds for a variety of education programs. Data will be evaluated using a methodology includes program effectiveness, cost per outcome, and alignment to desired outcomes. Data collection and analysis continues.

Senator Kotowski asked for a Commission meeting to be tentatively added in February to provide an opportunity for the Commission to review and comment on a draft report on the pilot pending its availability at that time.

IV. Three Year Budget Projection – Ben Winick, Governor’s Office of Management and Budget

Ben Winick, Policy Director from the Governor’s Office of Management and Budget (OMB), joined the Commission to provide an overview of the Three Year Budget Projection. A copy of the projection was provided and is available on the OMB website. Projections included expected revenue and expenditures under current law. Winick responded to questions and comments from the Commission.

V. Overview of Budget Book Layout – Ben Winick, Governor’s Office of Management and Budget

Winick described the layout of the Budget Book and steps taken to enhance transparency and accessibility of state budget information including efforts to align with the Commission’s recommendations where possible. Budget Book will be made available online and includes programmatic line items as well as data by outcome area. Additionally, an interactive, public facing website to display the state budget by result area by is underdevelopment.

VI. Report from Mandates Sub-Committee – John Kamis & Kristen Houch, Governor’s Office

John Kamis, Chair of the Mandates Sub-Committee provided a report on the work of the committee to eliminate obsolete, duplicative, and overly administratively burdensome mandates. The Committee presented a spreadsheet of mandates proposed for elimination and asked the Commission for feedback. The Committee has continued to work with impacted stakeholders including related advisory groups, state agencies, and advocacy organizations to ensure a collaborative process which streamlines the state budget.

VII. Transparency Working Group Update – Senator Pamela Althoff and Patrick Barry, Senate Republican Staff

Senator Althoff provided an overview of the charge of Transparency Working Group which was established by SB 2106 (Althoff). She referred the Commission to the slides and outline of concepts provided in the packet. A timeline for the work of the group and possible topics to be covered at the first meeting were reviewed. She then introduced Senate Republican Staffer Patrick Berry to discuss the scope of work.

A first step is compiling research and resources on work that has been done in Illinois and other states to enhance budget transparency. The group will be reviewing these provisions for discussion and hopes to draw upon them in drafting recommendations for strengthening accountability for the spending of state dollars as well as ensuring that access to information on the state budget is readily available for Illinois taxpayers. The group’s report is due to be presented on January, 1, 2015.

VIII. Adjourn

Chairman thanked Commissioners and guests for their participation and noted that the next Commission meeting is scheduled to take place on Friday, April 25, 2014 at 10:00am.